

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a combination washer dryer, the combination washer dryer having a drum, the method comprising steps of:

inputting an operational command;

performing washing and rinsing steps according to the operational command;

simultaneously performing a dewatering step and a first drying step after completion of the washing and rinsing steps, wherein the first drying step includes re-circulating warm air through a conduit, and wherein the warm air passes from the drum into the conduit and is returned to the drum; and

performing a second drying step after completion of the dewatering step, wherein the warm air re-circulates through the conduit where the warm air passes from the drum into the conduit and is returned to the drum and a supply valve provides water to the conduit during the second drying step.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first drying step comprises:

driving a fan, a heater, and a drum motor.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second drying step further comprises:

driving a fan, a heater, and a drum motor, ~~and a supply valve.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A method of washing clothes with a combination washer and dryer, the combination washer and dryer having a drum, the method comprising:

washing laundry in the combination washer and dryer;

rinsing the laundry;

dewatering the laundry;

performing a first drying operation where warm air is re-circulated through a conduit, wherein the warm air passes from the drum into the conduit and is returned to the drum during the first drying operation, and wherein the dewatering operation and the first drying operation are simultaneously performed; and

performing a second drying step after the dewatering and first drying operations, wherein the warm air re-circulates through the conduit where the warm air passes from the drum into the conduit and is returned to the drum and a supply valve provides water to the conduit during the second drying step.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first drying operation comprises:

driving a fan, a heater, and a drum motor.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second drying operation further comprises:

driving a fan, a heater, and a drum motor, ~~and a supply valve.~~

7. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supply value is closed during the first drying step.

8. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the supply value is closed during the first drying operation.